(B) Appeals preferred by employees

Year	No. of appeals preferred by employees against CAT rulings	No. of cases in which adjudicating courts upheld CAT rulings
2001	632	373
2002	775	382
2003	767	354
2004	873	452
2005	715	403
Upto June, 2006	241	157

IAS officers in Central Services

1718. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS officers in Central Services;

(b) whether voluntary retirement scheme is extended to this cadre;

(c) if so, the details of monetary incentive and package offer therefor to such optees;

(d) to what extent it would cost the exchequer; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A total of 706 IAS officers are working with the Central Government as on 1.08.2006.

(b) No such scheme has been extended to this cadre.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Reservation in Government jobs

†1719. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fifty per cent seats in Government jobs are reserved;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether the candidates under reserved category are treated under reserved quota even if they qualify under general category; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to keep general category candidates under General quota itself; if so, the time by when it would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Reservation for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in case of direct recruitment on all India basis by open competition is 49.5% and in case of direct recruitment on all India basis otherwise than by open competition it is 50%.

(b) Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class candidates selected on merit are appointed against unreserved vacancies.

(c) and (d) General category candidates are adjusted against unreserved vacancies.

Setting up of Kerala State Information Commission

1720. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala submitted proposal, during January, 2006, seeking financial assistance for setting up of the Kerala State Information Commission, as a part of the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the above proposal is approved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.